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SUBJECT: VISITING URUGUAYAN TRADE UNIONISTS ON THE  
"DESAPARECIDOS" QUESTION

FEF: ROME 24892 (NOTAL)

1. WITH THE ITALIAN PRESS FULL OF STORIES AND  
 ACCUSATIONS DURING THE PAST WEEK ABOUT THE FATE OF  
 SEVERAL HUNDRED ITALIAN CITIZENS NUMBERED AMONG THE  
 MISSING IN ARGENTINA'S COUNTERTERRORIST "DIRTY WAR"  
 OF THE LATE 1970S (REFTEL), A VISITING URUGUAYAN TRADE  
 UNION DELEGATION HAS QUIETLY NOTED THAT URUGUAY TOO  
 HAS ITS SHARE OF ITALIAN "DESAPARECIDOS." THE GROUP,  
 LED BY JUAN ANGEL TOLEDO, IS IN ITALY AT THE INVITATION  
 OF THE CGIL-CISL-UIL UNITED FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS  
 AND HAS VISITED TURIN, MILAN AND ROME.

2. AT A NOVEMBER 6 PRESS CONFERENCE IN MILAN THE VISITING  
 UNIONISTS DECLARED THAT -- ACCORDING TO INFORMATION  
 GARNERED FROM RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS -- 134 URUGUAYANS  
 OR RESIDENTS, INCLUDING AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF ITALIAN  
 ORIGIN, HAVE "DISAPPEARED" AS A RESULT OF "TOTALITARIAN  
 PERSECUTION" SINCE 1974. THE URUGUAYAN UNIONISTS NOTED  
 THAT 126 OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE "ARRESTED" ON  
ARGENTINE TERRITORY. COMMENT. IT IS NOT CLEAR, ON THE  
 FACE OF THESE ACCUSATIONS, WHETHER PRIMARY BLAME FOR  
 THE DISAPPEARANCES SHOULD LIE WITH ARGENTINE OR  
 URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES. END COMMENT.

3. COINCIDING WITH THE URUGUAYAN LABOR DELEGATION'S  
 VISIT TO MILAN, THE LOMBARDY REGIONAL FEDERATION  
 OF THE FLM UNITARY METALWORKERS UNION HAS PETITIONED  
 THE MONTEVIDEO GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE AN ELDERLY

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TRADE UNIONIST OF ITALIAN ORIGIN, ROSARIO PETRARROIA,  
WHO HAS BEEN IMPRISONED SINCE 1976. FLM IS PREPARED  
TO PAY PETRARROIA'S AIRFARE TO MILAN FOR MEDICAL  
TREATMENT.

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